JUDGE NELSON'S CHARGE. THE NECESSITY OF THE PUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.

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"LIBERTY, THE UNION, AND THE CONSTITUTION."

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The act of 1550 endorsed and explained.

This act is designed, first, to substitute officers of the federal government in the place of these State magistrates; and, second, to arm the officers with sufficient power and authority to enable them to execute the law sagainst any resistance, actual or threatened, and in whatever form it might be presented. The act has grown out of the exigencies and necessities to which I have referred, and was forced upon the attention of Congress mainly by the legislative interferences of the States.

Had not the law of 1793 been thus crippled, it would probably have afforded all the means necessary to the execution of the constitutional provision.

The supplementary act is obviously framed with great skill and care, and bears upon its face the deep conviction of the body that enacted it, that the constitutional provision has not only been disregarded, but that a settled appropose, a fixed determination, existed in some portions of the country to set its obligations at naught. The act meets this condition of things, real or supposed, and clothes the public authorities with powers adequate to the exigency.

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